GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF MOSQUITO NETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Force and Navy procured mosquito nets and uniform cloth on inflated rates from Reliance Industries Limited causing financial loss to the Government during 2001-2002 onwards;

(b) if so, the total loss caused to the exchequer;

(c) whether the procurement from Reliance Industries Limited was in violation of the rules and procedures underlying public tendering and in disregard of the guidelines of the CVC; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the persons responsible for causing avoidable financial loss to the exchequer and for violation of CVC guidelines?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): The purchase of mosquito nets by the Indian Air Force and the purchase of uniform cloth by the Navy have been incorporated as audit paras in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (No. 7 of 2005) (Air Force & Navy) ended 31st March, 2004.

The Navy did not procure mosquito nets from Reliance Industries Ltd at any time.

The Indian Air Force procured uniform cloth since 2001 through the trade as per Government orders following the competitive bidding from registered vendors.